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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated July 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 42-44 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 26, 27, 29-31, 34-36, and 40 as follows:

26. (Twice Amended) An array device comprising

(a) an examination site having a surface,

(b) a mixture of at least two carriers randomly distributed on the surface, each

of the at least two carriers having an optically detectable code that distinguishes it from the other carrier, and each of the at least two carriers carrying an analyte that is identifiable by the respective code on the carrier,